



God's PROMISE, Abraham's Faith.

FALL 2020

Faith Lutheran Church

LCMC

Hutchinson, Minnesota, MN

September 13, 2020 ~ 10:10 a.m. Library Square

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Season Color: Green

Gathering Music: "Christ Be All Around Me"

**As I rise, strength of God go before lift me up; As I wake, eyes of God look upon be my sight.
As I wait, heart of God satisfy and sustain; As I hear, voice of God lead me on be my guide be my guide.**

***Chorus:* Above and below me Before and behind me, in ev'ry eye that sees me Christ be all around me
Above and below me Before and behind me, In ev'ry eye that sees me Christ be all around me yeah**

**As I go, hand of God my defense by my side; As I rest, breath of God fall upon bring me peace.
Bring me peace. *Chorus***

Your life Your death, Your blood was shed for ev'ry moment, Ev'ry moment (*REPEAT 3X*)

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"Called Me Higher"

**I could just sit, I could just sit, and wait for all Your goodness; Hope to feel Your presence.
And I could just stay I could just stay right where I am and hope to feel You, Hope to feel
something again.**

**I could hold on, I could hold on to who I am and never let You change me from the inside I could
be safe oh, I could be safe. Here in Your arms and never leave home, never let these walls down.**

***Chorus:* But You have called me higher; You have called me deeper and I'll go where You will
lead me Lord. You have called me higher; You have called me deeper and I'll go where You will
lead me Lord, where You lead me.**

I will be Yours oh I will be Yours for all my life (2x)

**I will be Yours oh I will be Yours for all my life, so let Your mercy. Oh, I will be Yours Lord;
And I will be Yours for all my life so let Your mercy light the path before me. Chorus**

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Greeting/Announcements

Song: "O Worship the King"

O worship the King all glorious above; O gratefully sing His wonderful love.

Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days; Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light and canopy space.

**His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.**

Chorus: You alone are the matchless King, to You alone be all majesty.

Your glories and wonders what tongue can recite, You breathe in the air, You shine in the light.

O measureless might ineffable love, While angels delight to worship above.

Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end, Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend.

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Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name, Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a fellow member of the priesthood of all believers and by the authority of Jesus Christ I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you called your servant Abraham to follow your will and gave him faith to trust your promises through years of waiting for their fulfillment. Grant us also the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, that we may cling, in life and in death, to the great and gracious promises you have made to us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-5

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5. 13-16a

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham.

Bible presentation to three-year old children

Faith Seeds: Faith Lutheran Puppets

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation "Thy Word"

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. X2

Gospel: John 8:31-40

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. I declare what I have seen in the Father's presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father."

They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing what Abraham did, but now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did.

Sermon: "God's PROMISE, Abraham's Faith" Pastor Scott Grorud

Song: "Marvelous Things"

You have done marv'lous things, Bore the whole world's sin. Let Your people sing, You're worthy. You hold the stars in place, Stir the ocean's waves. Over all You reign Almighty.

Chorus: Worthy, only You are worthy to receive all glory. Only You have died and rose again. Worthy, may You find us worthy, covered by Your mercy. Lifting up our hearts to You in praise For You have done marv'lous things.

You tell the storm be still and we know it will; For You never fail, You're worthy.

You cause our hopes to rise. Raise our hearts to life. We will lift You high Almighty (chorus x2)

For You have done marv'lous things. Lord You have done marv'lous things.

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering/Special Music "What a Beautiful Name" Tara Tepley and Marc Vaillancourt

Installation of Austin Willhite as the Director of Music and Worship

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution: "To the Table"

**Hear the voice of love that's calling; There's a chair that waits for you
And a friend who understands everything you're going through.**

**But you keep standing at a distance in the shadows of your shame
But there's a light of hope that's shining, won't you come and take your place.**

Chorus: **And bring it all to the table, it's nothing He ain't seen before. For all your sin all your
sorrow, and your sadness. There's a Savior and He calls, Bring it all to the table.**

**He can see the weight you carry, the fears that hold your heart
But through the cross you've been forgiven. You're accepted as you are.**

Chorus: **So bring it all to the table, it's nothing He ain't seen before. For all your trials all your
worries, and your burdens. There's a Savior and He calls, Bring it all to the table.**

**Bring it all; You can bring it all. Come on in take your place; There's no one who's turned away.
All you sinners all you saints, come right in and find your grace.**

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"O Come to the Altar"

**Are you hurting and broken within; Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself; Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.**

Chorus: **O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide. Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.**

**Leave behind your regrets and mistakes; Come today there's no reason to wait. Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy, from the ashes a new life is born. Jesus is calling.**

Oh what a Savior; Isn't he wonderful? Sing alleluia, Christ is risen. Bow down before him for he is Lord of all. Sing alleluia Christ is risen.

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown. Tell the world of the treasure you've found.

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Benediction

Closing “Go Ye”

**He said if I be lifted up, I'll draw all men unto Myself. He said if I be lifted up
Eternal life and nothing else.**

**Chorus: You'll see, so what are we waiting for? Go ye into all the world,
Baptize in the name of Jesus, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.**

**The wedding feast for the least of these is ready now. His hands and feet His kings and priests He
is sending out to the highways to the harvest. On the narrow road signs and wonders,
There's gonna be miracles.**

He is with us to the end; He is with us to the end. Go ye into all the world

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“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme:

John 8:31-40

- † Why is it such good news the God justifies us by faith alone?
- † Why is it so hard for people to rely on faith alone to justify us?
- † How does the account of Abraham in Genesis serve as an example of faith?
- † How does Abraham also serve as a cautionary tale for the life of faith?

Important Notes:

- *If you or anyone in your home feels at all unwell, please stay home and watch one of the broadcasts.
- *If you are anxious about gathering at the church, feel free to stay home for now.
- *In light of current health guidelines, we encourage you to print and bring your own copy of the bulletin to cut down on the contact passing them out entails. The bulletins can be found weekly on the Facebook page and website.
- *We ask family/household groups to maintain social distance when in the church and the park.
- *According to state guidelines, wearing a face mask indoors is now mandated, with some exceptions.
- *More information is available on Faith's Facebook page or in the church office.

~ **Today's radio broadcast** is sponsored Gary and Mary Biekle in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on October 3.

~ **Jeremiah Bible Study:** This Bible study will resume tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. in the Faith Center.

~ **Faith Groups** begin next week. If you have not connected to a group yet, please contact Marsha at 587-2093 and she will be happy to plug you into one that will work with your schedule. There are in person and online options available.

~ **You are Invited:** The Augustana District of LCMC is honored to invite members of Faith Lutheran to attend, at no charge, part of the (delayed) 10th Anniversary District Celebration being held here on Saturday, September 26, 2020, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. After an opening worship service, the keynote speaker, Minnesota Supreme Court Justice G. Barry Anderson, formerly a member of Faith, will speak on "Religious Liberty: What It Is and Why We Need It," with a time to ask questions following. There will also be an update from the Augustana District, presentation of its Distinguished Service Award and an opportunity to hear from the new national LCMC Service Coordinator, Mike Bradley. Faith Lutheran has been instrumental in forming and sustaining the AD, and the District Council would be honored to have Faith's members join in this event. Space is limited to the first 75 people who respond. Please contact the church office to reserve your spot today. Anyone who would like to attend the full event can register and pay at augustanadistrict.org.

~ **Thank you:** Dodie Fenske would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who remembered her birthday with cards and well wishes.

Faith Apparel has arrived. Pick it up at Library Square today or in the office anytime next week.